

Resurrect!

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

PLYMOUTH UCC PURPOSE

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please like and send us a greeting
on Facebook and Instagram.



Help support the mission and ministries of Plymouth Church UCC.

Make a donation under the “Give” tab at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org,
or scan the code below:



If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*When you enter Plymouth Church UCC,
may you feel the peace, intimacy, belonging,
acceptance and refuge of Sanctuary.*

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.
The quiet of this place is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.
Thank you for entering this place, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

PRELUDE *PRELUDIO*

Quiet Reflection Dr. Lee Peterson
Dr. Lee Peterson, piano

WELCOME *BIENVENIDA* June Hayakawa-Fung

SHARING PEACE *COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ*


HELP WITH HEALING




Plymouth Healing Communities welcomes your donations of new and gently-used household items for new residents moving in to their new apartments. Drop off at Plymouth through May 22 in the PHC donation bin in the Lounge. Reach out to PHC Program Manager Dakota Nixon (dnixon@plyhc.org; 206-707-2801) for different drop-off times, or questions. Thank you for helping make a home for our residents.

OPENING HYMN *HIMNO DE APERTURA*


I Sing the Mighty Power of God (NCH #12) ELLACOMBE




1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Hayakawa-Fung
LLAMADO A ADORAR

One: More than kind or charitable, or even humane
this Love that calls us takes on flesh and bone
and vulnerability.

**Many: We gather here to practice Love's
solidarity, rising up in the valleys and
shadows of death.**

One: More than nice, or agreeable, or even polite this
Love that forms us risks siding with the last and
the least.

**Many: We come together to become Love's
liberation building collective power to
resist injustice.**

One: More than tolerant or accepting, or even
affirming this Love that guides us opens to new
stories of harm and new visions of flourishing.

**Many: We join together to embody Love's
accountability, laying down our defenses
to grow beyond the edges of our knowing.**

One: More than peaceful or unifying, or even friendly
this Love that compels us dares to imagine
beyond empire.

**All: We worship to remember Love's future
praying, praising, and protesting until
Love's kindom comes.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.David Guthrie

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN

One: Love beyond all knowing, we recognize how deeply limited our understanding of love is, how often we fail to recognize Love's true practice and meaning, how much the powers and principalities of this world co-opt the idea of "love" for death-dealing purposes.

In the silence of our hearts, let us call to awareness the misunderstandings of love that have shaped us as individuals. For the ways we have wounded your Love,

Many: O God, forgive us.

One: In the presence of God and each other, let us name aloud the misunderstandings of love that shape us as a community. For the ways we have wounded your Love,

All: O God, forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACEMr. Guthrie

SEGURIDAD DE GRACIA

One: Let your spirit receive this assurance:
in all these things we are more than forgiven
through the One who loved us.

Many: Therefore, we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mr. Guthrie
ORACIONES DEL PUEBLO

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Eleanor Fordyce, Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Robert Malae, Don Mayer, William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Paul (Dad of Beth Paul-Russell), Colleen Rood (Aunt of Kathy Rood), Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Patricia Valentine, Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)



A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer.



PRAYER OF JESUS ORACIÓN DE JESÚS

Our parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.
May your loving presence be a reality here on earth.
May we become more interested in building your kingdom
here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE INTERLUDIO MUSICAL

Ubi Caritas James Biery
Plymouth Quartet

CONTEMPORARY VOICE *VOZ CONTEMPORÁNEA*

And Despite Everything, by Barbara Crooker



Barbara Crooker's work explores themes of nature, family, love, and loss.

And despite everything,
in this hard year where I lost it all and more,
here comes May, which is more than I deserve,
dripping in lilacs and bleeding hearts
against a grass so green, it takes your breath away.
And I still have breath, pink lungs to send it in and out,
a heart that's still beating in spite of itself, and skin
that feels blessed to be caressed by this sun-kissed
wind, this cloudless day.

SCRIPTURE READING *LECTURA DE LAS ESCRITURAS* Acts 16:13-22

(Dr. Wilda Gafney Translation)

read by Ms. Hayakawa-Fung

On the day of the sabbath we went out the gate by the river, where we thought there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who gathered there. Now a certain woman named Lydia, a merchant of purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, a worshiper of God, was listening to us. The Messiah opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. As she was baptized along with her household, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to Christ, come and stay at my home." And she persuaded us.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met an enslaved girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed after Paul and us, she cried out, "These persons are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." This she did for many days. But it bothered Paul, who turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that hour.

Now when her masters saw that their hope of financial gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and into the marketplace they dragged them before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These persons are disturbing our city; they are Judeans and are preaching traditions that are not right for us to follow as Romans." The crowd joined against them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with batons.

ANTHEM *EL HIMNO*

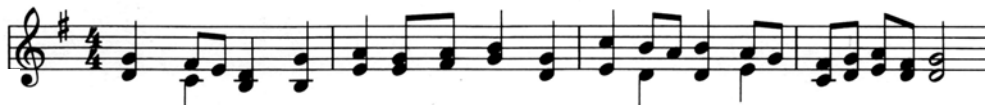
Cantar! Jay Althouse

Plymouth Choir; Eliza Woodyard, Director

SERMON *SERMON* Rev. Kevin Bechtold

HYMN OF COMMITMENT *HIMNO DE COMPROMISO*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (NCH #23) IN BABILONE



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

BENEDICTION *BENDICIÓN* Rev. Bechtold

POSTLUDE *POSTLUDIO*

Recessional. Dr. Lee Peterson

Dr. Lee Peterson, piano



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Stephen Price! We are pleased to announce Stephen C. Price is our new Director of Music. Please take a moment to greet him today and welcome him to Plymouth.

Sing, Pray, Support Every Saturday the Church of Mary Magdalene welcomes homeless and formerly homeless women at Gethsemane Lutheran (1830 Ninth Ave, at Stewart) for breakfast at 9 am and worship at 10 am. You can help this community of women: contact Pat Simpson (PSimpsonPnwumc@gmail.com)

Embrace Joy! Registration is open now for the UCC Pacific Northwest & Central Pacific Conferences Women's Retreat November 7-9 at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA. All who identify as women are warmly welcome. More information and registration form at nrwr.org.

Please Remember Plymouth now receives mail at a PO Box instead of our street address. Send all postal correspondence to: Plymouth Church UCC/PO Box 21368/Seattle WA 98111.

Be The Church You are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Contact Toni Arthur: TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Study the Bible with Plymouth Wednesdays at 9 am. The Zoom link in the news article at PlymouthChurchSeattle.org will be the same every week for the Wednesday morning study.

Volunteers Wanted to staff a children and youth table in the Lounge during the service. We are looking to provide a space geared towards the youngest in our midst with activities during worship. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please email Rev. Kevin Bechtold: KBechtold@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org.

Members and Visitors can access Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth.

Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,
of varied social and economic conditions
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.